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Haliburton County responds to COVID-19

Closures and cancellations aim to avoid spread of coronavirus

JENN WATT

Editor

Efforts to prevent the spread of the coronavirus have ramped up dramatically over the last several days in Haliburton County with the provincial government announcing that publicly funded schools will be closed until early April and the health unit confirming the region's first residents testing positive for the virus.

A woman in her 60s from Northumberland County was seen at the Northumberland Hills Hospital on March 11 with symptoms of an upper respiratory tract infection following a trip to Spain and Portugal. She travelled on Air Transat flight 337 from Lisbon, Portugal to Toronto on March 6.

The woman is at home in self-isolation and health unit nurses are working with her to follow up with anyone she came in contact with while she was ill as well as those who were seated near her on the plane.

"We have been working very closely with our hospitals and health-care providers in anticipation of a local case and

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Kiana Lavergne met visitors to Haliburton Highlands Health Services at the front door on Friday afternoon with a table including hand sanitizer, face masks and information about COVID-19. Enhanced screening has been instituted at health-care facilities in the county with limitations placed on visitors. /JENN WATT Staff



Avoid hospital if your visit is not essential, health providers say

Note to readers: the situation with the spread of the coronavirus is changing rapidly. This is the most recent information at press time. Please refer to the links at the end of this story for the most up-to-date information.

Health partners in Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland and Peterborough are col-

laborating to protect patients, visitors, healthcare professionals, staff and volunteers.

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, hospitals, paramedics, primary care and public health units are working together to ensure safe practices

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If you need more information on COVID-19 or believe you might have the virus, call the HKPR Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 ext. 5020.



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Ancestry site connects Kidd to family she never knew

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

In a framed photo on a desk in her Haliburton office, Kathryn Kidd sits next to her partner Gord, and dozens of smiling family members with whom she shares a resemblance.

A family photo on a desk might not typically warrant more than a passing glance from most visitors to the office, but when Kathryn welcomes people in to the Minden Haliburton Hearing Service, they eagerly ask to hear the story behind the reunion – how Kathryn went from living with no family, to being surrounded by aunts, uncles, cousins, and even, a brother.

In 1964, Kathryn said, babies weren't adopted right from the hospital, but instead were taken into care for three months to give their biological mother a chance to change their mind.

"All I knew was, I was born in Cavan, which is Peterborough, that's where my mother was sent to live, and then adopted out of Ottawa which is where her family was. So, I knew that much. I also knew I had been named after my mom's favourite sister, Diane. And I knew my birthday. Other than that, I knew nothing else."

After the adoption, her name was changed to Kathryn. Her life was not always a joyful one in her adopted family, and later in life she found herself estranged from the only small family she had known.

"Having said that, I went on to have a wonderful life," said Kidd. "It didn't affect me. I never looked back and said, 'oh, boo hoo me,' I just went on to live this wonderful life, and you don't miss what you don't have."

About five years ago, a co-worker had signed up to a DNA database through Ancestry.ca that connects users through their DNA to insight into genealogy. Besides offering information about geographic origins, the service can also identify potential relatives through DNA matching to others who have used the same test, according to the website. Her co-worker bought a kit for Kathryn and it sat on a shelf for six months.

"I just think, I didn't feel I was missing anything," said Kathryn. "I was really happy, that was just me. But oh, maybe it'll be fun."

Kidd didn't know anything about a potential family – who her parents might be or if she had any siblings. Though she acknowledges she was curious about that, she said she didn't pine for something she might not have, or might never get to know, and she didn't want to be hopeful and then disappointed. So she collected her saliva in a tube that was sent away to the company, and awaited the results.

When the AncestryDNA results came in, Kathryn learned that she did, in fact, have a Scandinavian background as she had heard people throughout her life guess based on her jet black hair and pale skin. She also found that she had a distant cousin, named Donna. Kathryn had never had a cousin, and this one was fourth removed, a concept Kathryn had never had to understand. Donna was interested in family trees, which had never been an interest to Kathryn, who didn't know of a family to research.

Her cousin reached out to her after seeing the match



Kathryn Kidd, who found her family more than 50 years after being adopted because of an AncestryDNA kit, proudly showcases photos of her newfound family, including her brother John, in her Haliburton office. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

through her own Ancestry account, wondering where exactly she fit in the family. Kathryn explained to her what she knew; her birthday, that she was named for her mom's favourite sister, Diane, and Donna was stumped.

"She said, 'OK,' we'll leave it here and I'll do a little digging," said Kathryn. "So Donna goes over to Diane, my aunt, and she was the only one that knew my mom was pregnant. The only reason she knew, was she vaguely remembered my mom's boyfriend – my dad – and his parents coming over, and she was in the kitchen listening. So she heard, 'situation,' you know, so that, she knew. She never told a soul. Not her husband, none of her siblings. Nobody."

Both Diane, Kathryn's aunt, and Heather, her mom, had kept Heather's secret of an unwed teenage pregnancy from everyone in the family. So had Grace, who beams from the centre of the family photo.

"Grace is actually the woman who, when I came into the world, it was into her arms," said Kathryn. "And she's still alive, and she still lives in the house where I was born."

Diane, one of about nine kids besides Heather's mom, who died about five years ago, then began to tell the family, including the brother Kathryn never knew she had.

"When John tells the story, he said, I knew something was coming down the pipes, because there they are going on and on about, 'well, you know, things sometimes happen and we have to roll with it, maybe it's a good thing,' so then they say, well, guess what, your mom had a baby. The first thing he does is he says, 'really?' whips out his cellphone and says, 'is she on Facebook? What's her name?' ... So they find me, and I look like my mom, so he goes, 'oh my God, there's mom.'"

When meeting her Aunt Diane and Uncle Steve for the first time, her newfound family told her they actually had family, related to Steve, in the area.

"We've got relatives up in Haliburton," they said. I could give you their address and we just do a quick meet

and greet there. And I said, 'well, who is it?' And she said, Judy and Fred Phipps."

The Phipps live just down the road from her, on the same street.

"I said, you don't have to send me their address, I could walk to their house, I know them very well," laughed Kathryn.

A few weeks ago marks the third year anniversary of when Kathryn met her brother, John. She was 53 and he was 46.

"He said he couldn't be there, he was away, and then he walked in with a happy first birthday balloon," she said. "It still gives me goosebumps."

Now, the siblings celebrate every birthday together, as well as holidays. Kathryn and Gord renovated their office into a spare room, now that they have family to come visit, and while Kathryn turned John on to her love for Christmas, he has turned her on to his love for tanks, so much so that she has what she calls a 'command centre,' where, with a gaming headset, she plays online tank games with him.

"For three years, we've never missed a morning where we say good morning and then a goodnight and we chat every single day," said Kathryn.

She's also been able to meet John's dad, her mom's first husband, who immediately dubbed her his 'found daughter,' her biological aunt and grandmother on her dad's side, and has communicated with her biological dad.

"This is just mind-boggling because I went through life just with myself and just, you know, holidays, Christmas, we just went to friends' houses. You didn't have Christmas Eve and Christmas morning."

Now her schedule is full with family events, and family is sharing heirlooms with her that once belonged to her mother.

"They tell me, 'you're so much like your mom,'" said Kathryn. "Things I do or say, they say, 'I can't believe you never met her and yet you're just like her.'"

Kathryn said one of those moments was when she first met her brother.

"I have never in my life, ever, ever, ever, cried saying goodbye to someone, ever," she said. However, after her first meeting with John as he was lifting her bag into the car, she broke down.

"I just, all of a sudden, I could feel the waterworks coming, and I'm thinking, oh my God, stop, stop, stop, and he turns to give me a hug and I burst into tears. He said, 'oh no, no, this is just the beginning.'"

Kathryn said she was a mess, leaving Gord perplexed about whether to drive away or turn back.

"I texted John when I got home and said, 'I'm so sorry, I don't know what came over me,'" said Kathryn. "He said, 'you know what, your mom came over you,' because my mom cried every single time she said goodbye to John. To this day, I cry when I see him, and I still cry when I leave. It's not quite as waterworks, but I'm so sad and I cry. He says, 'you're so my mother.'"

Besides the crying connection giving her goosebumps, the name connection between her and her cousin Kathryn, and learning that her last name, Doyle, is the same as the maiden name of her best friend, Linda Heeps, Kathryn said something else took her breath away.

Kathryn's mom married a second time, Klaus. Klaus told Kathryn they had once visited Haliburton for a week.

"Klaus can't remember exactly when it was, there was a clock shop here, owned by a German," said Kathryn. "To think I could have walked down the street and walked by them and not known."

But instead of the what ifs, Kathryn instead is thinking of what she has found and how her future has changed.

"So now, I have this huge, huge family," she said, looking at the photo she so lovingly presents to the world. "I just feel so blessed. You don't miss something you didn't have, but I'll tell you, these last three years have just been incredible."

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HHHS closes long-term, acute care to non-essential visitors

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pre-emptive measures were in place for this type of situation," Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, medical officer of health, said.

News of the case in Northumberland County came following an avalanche of cancellations on Friday as public institutions and private businesses evaluated how best to protect the public from COVID-19, which was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11.

On Thursday, March 12, an order was issued by Minister of Education Stephen Lecce that all publicly funded schools in Ontario would be closed for two weeks following March Break, effectively suspending classes from March 14 to April 5. By Friday, postsecondary institutions had followed suit. Initially, Fleming College had indicated classes would be conducted online and campus buildings kept open, but by Sunday, administrators decided that the buildings would also be closed.

On Saturday, a second case was confirmed: a woman in her 60s from City of Kawartha Lakes. The woman was seen by health professionals at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on March 12. The woman had travelled on Air Canada flight 877 from Frankfurt, Germany to Toronto on March 10.

COVID-19, a new coronavirus that originated in Wuhan, China, causes a respiratory infection that is frequently mild. However, for older adults and those with chronic diseases, it can be dangerous and sometimes fatal. As of Monday, there were more than 180,000 cases globally, 415 in Canada and 177 in Ontario.

Since the virus is mainly spread through person-to-person contact, the public has been advised to practise frequent and thorough handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; to avoid touching eyes, mouth and nose; covering the mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing (and then throwing the tissue away and washing one's hands); and staying home if sick.

Those who have travelled outside Canada to countries affected by COVID-19 are being asked to self-isolate for 14 days after leaving the affected country.

At Haliburton Highlands Health Services, chief financial officer Kathy Newton said points of entry have been reduced and all staff, visitors and volunteers are being screened as they arrive.

Those with a fever and/or cough, who have travelled to one of the affected countries in the last 14 days or who have had contact with someone who probably has COVID-19 is asked to self-isolate at home.

"Please consider our vulnerable patients and residents if you plan to visit during this time frame," Newton told the *Echo*, "make sure you are not experiencing any signs of illness and ensure you sign in to our visitor log and practise good hand hygiene by hand-washing or using alcohol based hand sanitizer as you enter our facility."

On Monday, long-term care was closed to non-essential visitors as was acute care. All staff at HHHS are self-screening daily.

Telephone and home visits are being scheduled with community health-care providers where possible and several group programs run through HHHS have been

cancelled.

Newton pointed out that for many people who are infected with the virus, symptoms are mild.

"Most people who are exposed to COVID-19 or other respiratory viruses through international travel, or contact with people who have travelled internationally, are safe to stay at home if they do develop symptoms, and take care of themselves by practising good handwashing, cleaning home surfaces, and getting plenty of rest, drinking lots of fluids and eating healthy foods," she said. "It is good to keep distance between yourself and other family members who are not ill, just as you would do with a cold or the 'flu.'"

Newton said HHHS is cancelling several group programs until further notice including the diabetes workshops, balanced fitness/falls prevention, adult day program, grief support group, social recreation drop-in, diner's clubs, cancer support group and other gatherings of volunteers.

Community Support Services continues to help those in need in the community. "HHHS Community Programs is actively working across all programs and community partners to ensure those most in need have the support they need at this time. Please let us know how we can best support you and your family," Newton said.

If you believe you may have COVID-19, contact the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 ext. 5020 or Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000. If your symptoms are severe, call 911 and inform the dispatcher that it could be COVID-19 so responders can be prepared.

Public gatherings go online amid public health warnings

JENN WATT

Editor

St. George's Anglican Church took to Facebook Live on Sunday, March 15, reaching out to its parishioners following a decision by the Anglican Bishops of Ontario to cease public worship as a precaution against the spread of COVID-19.

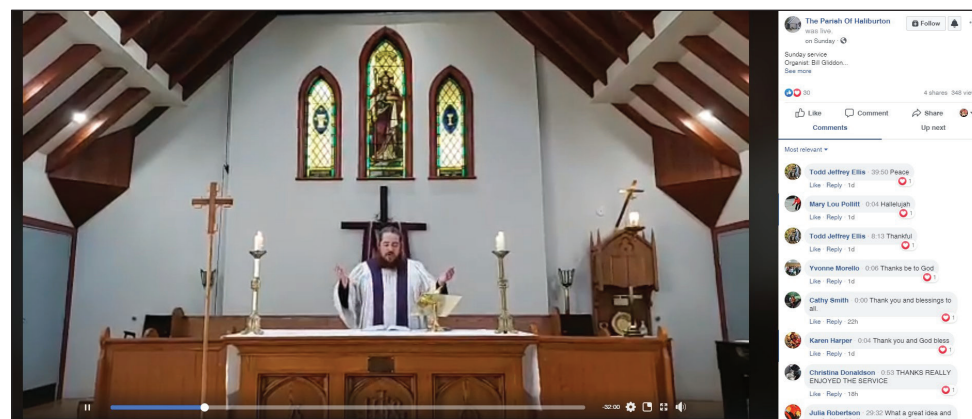
"We did indeed livestream a service on our parish Facebook page (The Parish of Haliburton) this past Sunday," Rev. Ken McClure confirmed to the *Echo*.

He said that the move was made for public safety, but that it was important to continue reaching out to the congregation.

The church "is a vital source of comfort in times of crisis and so we needed to find an alternative to physically gathering that would still provide connection," he said. This was St. George's first time livestreaming its service.

The Haliburton County Public Library staff also decided that they would try livestreaming programming for the first time. On March 17, they will be conducting their Seuss-a-bration Family Storytime at 10:10 a.m. using Facebook Live and will do the same again on March 20 at 10:10 a.m. for Alien Adventures Family Storytime.

The idea was programming and outreach coordinator Nancy Therrien's, said branch services librarian Erin



St. George's Anglican Church delivered their service on Sunday via Facebook Live as a way of protecting public health, while still providing an opportunity for prayer and fellowship. Rev. Ken McClure said that they will continue to deliver the service online until it is safe to gather again. The Haliburton County Public Library will also be delivering programming online this week. /Screenshot

Kernohan-Berning.

"She wanted to be able to offer library programs in a non-traditional way so we could maintain a sense of community and reduce social isolation in Haliburton County," she said.

On Monday, HCPL made the decision to close all branches until April 6.

"With our branches being closed, it will be more and more important to keep offering services in some way," she said.

If you miss storytime, you can go to haliburtonlibrary.ca and find the links to the videos to watch later.

McClure said that he intends to continue doing his services using Facebook Live until it is safe for the community to be physically together again.

"It is my plan to continue to stream prayer services until we can once again gather, and to offer additional online material that can allow folks to receive spiritual care and nourishment they need from home," he said.

"The only additional thought that I would share is that this is a real opportunity for us all to make sacrifices for the sake of each other, and while the greatest sacrifice we can make right now may be to isolate ourselves, we are not alone: we are never alone."

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What you need to know about COVID-19 in *five easy steps*

There is no cure for this virus that spreads like the common cold through respiratory droplets from infected persons, entering your eyes, nose or mouth either directly when someone coughs or sneezes, or via your own hands when you touch something with the virus on it and then touch your own face.

Reduce Your Risk Of Getting Or Spreading

1. Strong Immune System

- Vitamin C and plenty of fruits and vegetables
- Daily exercise (aim for 30-60 mins of activity as able)
- Sleep and rest (8 hours a night, ideally)
- Fresh air and outside time (open windows and go outside; virus thrives indoors on surfaces)
- Laugh and “chill out” every day (a good belly laugh decreases stress hormones that “run down” your immune system)
- Avoid smoking (any substances) and alcohol (even small amounts of alcohol decrease robustness of your immune system)
- Ensure your vaccinations are up to date

2. Avoid Sick People (Social Distancing)

- Keep *two magic metres* (six feet) between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing, has a fever or has difficulty breathing
- Infected people may have few or no symptoms, or think they have a cold or flu; anyone could be a carrier so keep your distance
- Symptoms may take up to 14 days to appear after exposure, but even in this symptom-free period, a person may be able to transmit the virus, so *practice good (hand) hygiene*
- Avoid crowds, gatherings or events

3. Practice Good (Hand) Hygiene

- Wash! Your! Hands! Wash them for at least 20 seconds each time. Wash them before you prepare food, eat, after using the bathroom, after you cough or sneeze, and if you are caring for sick people. If you don't have soap and water, use a sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow, or cough/sneeze into a tissue and throw it in the trash.
- Clean frequently touched objects and surfaces with a disinfecting spray or wipe. *Clean your phone!*

4. Stay Home If You Are Sick

And if you are asked to quarantine, or are looking after someone in quarantine, use dedicated towels, utensils, bedding, washroom (if possible), to avoid contaminating the household and to protect others. Use gloves and a mask when cleaning up after an infected person. Wash linens in hot water and avoid leaving objects that have “viral droplets” lying around. The virus can survive on inanimate surfaces for potentially several days. (There is specific information on the Public Health Website for how to manage home quarantining.)

5. Diagnosing And Managing COVID-19

(Coronavirus infections are diagnosed by a healthcare provider based on symptoms and may be confirmed through laboratory tests.)

Are you back from a trip outside Canada?

You are asked to *self-isolate* for 14 days, as per Government of Canada (see self-isolation instructions). Even if you develop mild symptoms, it's unlikely you need to be tested because self-isolation is enough to protect others.

If you develop flu-like symptoms fever (> 38 deg Celsius), and/or new onset/worsening cough or difficulty breathing within 14 days, continue to isolate yourself and call a public health authority or health care professional. (You could be considered for testing, according to current recommendations.)

Whether or not you have travelled, if you are sick enough to call an ambulance (911), you must advise health care providers about travel or risk factors (close or confirmed contact with a probable case of COVID-19) ahead of their arrival so they can arrange swift and safe transport.

If you are not severely ill but you need to see a doctor or get advice about whether you should be tested, call:

Public Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 ext. 5020

Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000
Your family physician's office

We ask that you avoid going to the hospital or other health care setting if you have mild symptoms; emergency departments must be kept for people who are truly unwell and need urgent medical care. Use judgement and do not visit the emergency department simply because you have a risk factor (and are otherwise feeling well).

Non-essential medical appointments will be rescheduled.

You can schedule appointments with your family physician or health care provider to occur over the phone.

What if I think I have the virus but symptoms are mild?

- Drink plenty of fluids
- Get rest and sleep as much as possible
- Try a humidifier or hot shower to help sore throat and cough
- Self-isolate at home for 14 days (see instructions on next page)

What if I have risk factors (travel or contact with someone who has travelled or is unwell) but I have no symptoms?

- Self-monitor for 14 days after exposure (see instructions on this page)
- If you develop symptoms, then self-isolate immediately (see instructions on next page)

Resources to keep you up to date about COVID-19:

www.hhfht.com Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team

<https://www.hkpr.on.ca> local Public Health Unit

<https://www.who.int/> World Health Organization

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/being-prepared.html> Government of Canada

Additional coronavirus preparedness

When do I need to wear a mask?

Stock up on prescription medications, not masks.

Masks are prioritized for patients with symptoms. If you have a cough then wearing a mask or scarf over your nose and mouth can help prevent the spread of “viral droplets” to others. (To protect yourself, wash your hands and do not touch your face.)

You may want to have medications on reserve in case of short supply or if you are quarantined (e.g. insulin for diabetic patients). The recommendation is to have two weeks of supplies on hand.

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our community healthy and preventing

the spread of illness.

You can think about ways to reduce risk such as avoiding non-essential travel, avoiding crowds, having groceries delivered, shopping *online* or at less busy times, exercising *outdoors*, having critical supplies on hand (diapers, feminine hygiene products, fever reducing medicines, detergent and bleach, tissues, toilet paper, soap), refilling prescriptions ahead of time.

Remember, keep your immune system healthy, avoid contact with unwell persons, *wash! your! hands!*, keep up to date with government travel and medical advisories, stay home if you are sick and encourage others to do the same.

Submitted by the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team

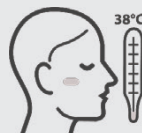
Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

How to self-monitor

Follow the advice that you have received from your health care provider.

If you have questions, or you start to feel worse, contact your health care provider, Telehealth (1-877-797-0000) or your public health unit.

Monitor for symptoms for 14 days after exposure



Fever



Cough



Difficulty breathing

Avoid public spaces

- Avoid crowded public spaces and places where you cannot easily separate yourself from others if you become ill.

What to do if you develop these or any other symptoms?

- Self-isolate immediately and contact your public health unit and your health care provider.
- To self-isolate you will need:
 - Instructions on how to self-isolate
 - Supply of procedure/surgical masks (enough for 14 days)
 - Soap, water and/or alcohol-based hand sanitizer to clean your hands
- When you visit your health care provider, avoid using public transportation such as subways, taxis and shared rides. If unavoidable, wear a mask and sit in the back seat.

The fact sheets above and on the right are produced by Public Health Ontario. Updated information on the coronavirus can be found at Ontario.ca/coronavirus.

Numbers to call for COVID-19 information

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in our communities.

Health partners in Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland and Peterborough City and County are working together proactively to encourage safe practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

If you have fever and/or cough, have travelled to one of the affected countries in the past 14 days or have had close or confirmed contact with a probable case, self-isolate at home, do not go to the Emergency Department.

Contact your local Public Health Unit or Telehealth Ontario for additional direction:

- HKPR District Health Unit – 1-866-888-4577 ext. 5020
- Peterborough Public Health – 705-

743-1000 ext. 401

- Telehealth Ontario – 1-866-797-0000

All residents of the region are asked to:

- Avoid going to hospital or other healthcare settings for non-essential reasons. This includes visitors as well as patients with elective (non-urgent) appointments or procedures. Some hospitals have started screening visitors for illness and travel history at all public entrances; others have plans to begin this practice soon. If you need to go to a healthcare environment for investigation of respiratory symptoms, wear a disposable face mask as prompted.

- Follow the recommended rules of social distancing to avoid close contact with others who may be sick. Avoid crowds, gatherings and events and maintain a two-metre distance between people

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How to self-isolate

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Stay home

- Do not use public transportation, taxis or rideshares.
- Do not go to work, school or other public places.
- Your health care provider or public health unit will tell you when it is safe to leave.



Limit the number of visitors in your home

- Only have visitors who you must see and keep the visits short.
- Keep away from seniors and people with chronic medical conditions (e.g. diabetes, lung problems, immune deficiency).



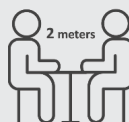
Avoid contact with others

- Stay in a separate room away from other people in your home as much as possible and use a separate bathroom if you have one.
- Make sure that shared rooms have good airflow (e.g. open windows).



Keep distance

- If you are in a room with other people, keep a distance of at least two metres and wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth.
- If you cannot wear a mask, people should wear a mask when they are in the same room as you.



Cover your coughs and sneezes

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hand.
- Throw used tissues in a lined wastebasket, and wash your hands. Lining the wastebasket with a plastic bag makes waste disposal easier and safer.
- After emptying the wastebasket wash your hands.



Wash your hands

- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Dry your hands with a paper towel, or with your own cloth towel that no one else shares.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.



Wear a mask over your nose and mouth

- Wear a mask if you must leave your house to see a health care provider.
- Wear a mask when you are within two metres of other people.



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in public environments. Recommendations on travel and attending gatherings is changing regularly. Please check the websites at the end of this article for the most up-to-date information.

- Clean your hands frequently with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub, and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Hands should be cleaned for at least 15-20 seconds. Cover coughs and sneezes with your elbow, and throw used tissues in the garbage.

- Clean frequently touched areas in your home environment, including toilets, bedside tables, light switches, door handles and personal devices such as

phones and tablets.

- Contact your local public health unit or Telehealth Ontario if you have concerns about COVID-19.

As cases of COVID-19 are confirmed in the region, this information will be shared with the public in partnership with local public health and the provincial government's daily reporting updates.

Thank you to everyone for doing their part to help contain and prevent the spread of illness in our communities as our healthcare partners work hard to meet additional demand on the system.

Information submitted by local health partners. Please visit ontario.ca/coronavirus for updates from the province and hkpr.on.ca for local updates from the HKPR Health Unit.



Only staff remained at Haliburton School of Art + Design on Friday, March 13 following Fleming College's decision to suspend classes due to COVID-19. Classes resume online Monday, March 23. On Sunday, the college decided to close campus buildings as well. /JENN WATT Staff

College cancels in-person classes, takes instruction online

JENN WATT

Editor

With only five weeks left in the winter semester, Angela Stukator, dean of Haliburton School of Art + Design said she's optimistic that alternate forms of course delivery will allow students to continue to learn, while also protecting the health and safety of the school community.

Fleming College has suspended its classes until Monday, March 23, at which time they are to resume either online or using other means. The action was taken to address the coronavirus pandemic, which has led to travel restrictions, enhanced health-care screening, and multiple cancellations of programming and events across the country.

While the initial announcement on Friday had been to keep the buildings open, on Sunday Fleming College revised that statement, advising staff to gather the items they need from campus facilities so they can work from home.

"College buildings will be closed with limited access to students and employees for the period from March 16 to April 3 unless otherwise notified. Students and employees will have limited access to the buildings from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and will be required to sign in and out starting March 17," a statement on the college's website says.

Stukator said Fleming College had been proactive and timely in responding to student and staff concerns about the virus.

In a press release issued by the college, president Maureen Adamson said switching to online classes was a precaution to maintain a healthy community.

"While we recognize that these actions will create inconveniences, Fleming is focused on student success and safety of all. We thank everyone for your patience, understanding and collective efforts," she said.

The college is keeping updated information on its COVID-19 response at flemingcollege.ca/covid19.

Things to do when you're self-isolating:

Take out an e-book or audiobook from the library online: haliburtonlibrary.ca

Learn a new hobby by watching YouTube videos

Go for a walk in nature - check out the trails and parks in the Haliburton Highlands

Call your friends and family, to check on them and also to share a laugh

Rewatch your favourite movies

Start that memoir you've always meant to write

Spring clean!

Find a new meditation, yoga or fitness program online

Do yard work if you have your own space

Take phone/news/information breaks

Learn a new card game, or break out an old board game you haven't seen in awhile

Shoppers flock to area grocery stores

Haliburton County's grocery stores have been caught up in the national shopping frenzy spurred by concern over COVID-19.

Starting late last week, toilet paper and hand sanitizer began flying off the shelves of stores around the county.

Steve Todd, owner of Todd's Independent in Haliburton, said they've noticed sales "well above average" since March 12. Paper products, water, cleaning products and non-perishables have been particularly popular.

Todd said product comes in almost daily and that shoppers should heed the provincial government's advice and practice "normal grocery buying habits."

"There is not much of a need to stock up on items as stated by the provincial government," he said. "The inventory levels are good on most products and will continue to come in regularly at this point."

- Jenn Watt

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Listen to the experts

PREPARATIONS FOR the arrival of the new coronavirus in this community intensified exponentially last week following the World Health Organization's declaration on Wednesday that the virus's spread qualified as a global pandemic.

We went from reminding people that they should wash their hands with soap and water to watching as grocery store parking lots spilled over with residents and March Break visitors scrambling to buy up as much toilet paper and hand sanitizer as they could.

On Thursday the provincial government surprised many with their decision to close all publicly funded schools until April 5 and by Friday most postsecondary institutions had decided to move course instruction out of the classroom and into virtual spaces.

One by one, local organizations started cancelling events. Everything from the upcoming Business and Community Achievement Awards to a St. Patrick's Day dinner in Kinmount was erased from the calendar within hours.

By Friday evening, the health unit shared news that the first person within the region tested positive for COVID-19 (in Northumberland County) and a day later, another case was confirmed, in City of Kawartha

Lakes. The news is coming in so quickly that by the time this column appears in print it's possible more cases will have been identified.

It feels stressful because a global pandemic is stressful. The actions being taken by our governments, public and private institutions are changing the way we live life, disrupting our routines and potentially putting pressure on our financial wellbeing.

It can also feel at once very serious and very silly to stay home when no one you know seems sick or to avoid public spaces that feel familiar and safe. However, the reason we're being asked to practice social distancing, to avoid crowds, to skip our visit to a grandparent in long-term care and to

keep kids home from school and playdates is that those spaces that most of the time are the core of our community are also the places most likely to allow COVID-19 to spread.

None of us knows how the next few days, weeks or months will play out. This is unfamiliar territory.

The best thing to do is listen to the experts: the public health unit and our local health-care providers. Their guidance is based on what's been learned in other countries and has been carefully considered to keep our population safe and healthy.



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Editorial



Blue skies ahead

by Darren Lum

letters to the editor

Gratitude to retired veterinarian

To the Editor,

Thank you for last week's wonderful story of Dr. Brown and the retirement party, we unfortunately could not drop in to thank her. She is a great veterinarian and looked after our pets since 1988. Always thorough with her examinations and assessments and ever so kind when it was not always what you

wanted to hear. We are happy she is now taking time to rest and enjoy time with her family and grandchildren as well as her farm animals. Thank you, Laurie, for your outstanding service to our community.

Don & Joan Cameron
Haliburton

Praise for trustees' letter of concern

To the Editor,

I am writing to commend TLDSB on their letter of concern to Education Minister Stephen Lecce regarding the Ford government's proposed changes to the delivery of curriculum in Ontario. It is not only supporting our valued, publicly funded education system but standing in solidarity with our teachers' federations. Our teachers are united in their conviction that increased class sizes, mandatory e-learning and cuts to special education are not in the best interest of students. I feel it is important as citizens that we attend our local strikes to thank them for their unyielding commitment in fighting to preserve the future of our education system in Ontario. Announcements to the media from Lecce's soapbox are solely that, and he needs to return to the bargaining table to negotiate in good faith. One of the points missing is that Lecce did not mention class-size maximums, which is key to the issue and current negotiations.

Some excerpts from the letter written by TLDSB chair Bruce Reain are:
"On behalf of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, I am sharing our thoughts and concerns about education in Ontario that we believe will have significant impact on our students and overall operation in Trillium Lakelands District School Board. Decreasing funding to the board by increasing class size, which will inevitably result in

fewer classroom teachers, will create significant challenges for us in our ability to support our students and offer a reasonable menu of core and optional credits.

We have come to learn, however, that there is a significant difference between voluntary participation and mandatory participation in e-learning courses. We are concerned that mandatory participation in this type of course is not for every student and that attrition from these courses may have the unintended consequence of students being required to return for an extra semester at the end of Grade 12 due to incompleteness of online courses. Additionally, we know that e-learning is simply not for all students. Many of our students will struggle with the demands of self-directed learning; others may not have adequate broadband service in their rural setting.

We continue to monitor the developments with the autism file in Ontario, and want to assure you we will support all learners who present in our schools. We believe it is critical, however, that the support for students be appropriate and fully funded. Children with autism require very specialized expertise from their care providers and supporters."

Bonnie Roe
Concerned Citizens of Haliburton
County

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End times

THERE WAS a time when a man could walk through town with a piece of toilet paper stuck to the bottom of his shoe and feel safe. That time was last week. Now, if the empty shelves in the grocery store are any indication, you can be sure that some desperate person will steal that toilet paper right out from under you.

I was at home when the Great Hoarding broke out. It was a Friday like any other when we entered into what, I assume, will one day be known as the Plynoseen era.

Not knowing what was transpiring in the world outside, I read the grocery list on our fridge and saw two simple letters written upon it. Etched in ink upon that pad were the letters TP. I thought it meant toilet paper but I now know it meant Time to Panic.

You see, I had put off buying the toilet paper because we still had four rolls and we were not in the process of battling Montezuma's Revenge. So, that seemed like plenty.

Nevertheless, I drove to our local grocery store and, oblivious to the societal breakdown happening in the toilet paper aisle, walked innocently towards it. When I got there, the shelves were empty.

"It finally happened," I said.

"You mean a surge of irrational buying because of a pandemic?" a woman asked.

"Uh, sure," I replied.

I was actually going to say the old Ex-Lax chocolate bar prank had finally come back into fashion. Even now, I think that makes far more sense. But it turns out she was right.

Even the cheap one-ply toilet paper was gone.

"They've gone mad," I whis-

pered.

Yet I am an optimist, so I took reassurance in the fact that, should a zombie apocalypse follow this crisis, we'd be safe. For those empty shelves were ample proof that brain-eating zombies would starve around here.

Look, I am a humble man with humble dreams. I don't ask for much – a roof over my head, food in the fridge, people who love me, enough money to pay my bills and the security that comes with one unopened package of toilet paper stored in the hallway closet.

But on that day uncertainty took hold.

Luckily, there was some in the next store down the road and I also realized stores are constantly being restocked, so we're all going to be OK.

If there are any real victims here, I think it is actually the toilet paper hoarders.

Sure, you might be poor in cash but rich in three-ply, but your neighbours have seen you unload with shopping carts filled with enough toilet paper to get you through an Unfiltered Drinking Water Festival. And they are now judging you.

And for what?

All you were doing was making sure that you and your family's toilet paper needs were met – until 2058.

So I want you to know I'm not judging you. It can't be easy realizing your life has come to this point.

I also understand that maybe things are not as they seem. For instance, you could just be a serious collector or perhaps you and your entire family is suffering through a particularly bad bout of chronic dysentery and you had no choice. You might even have poor spatial recognition and thought these were paper towels.

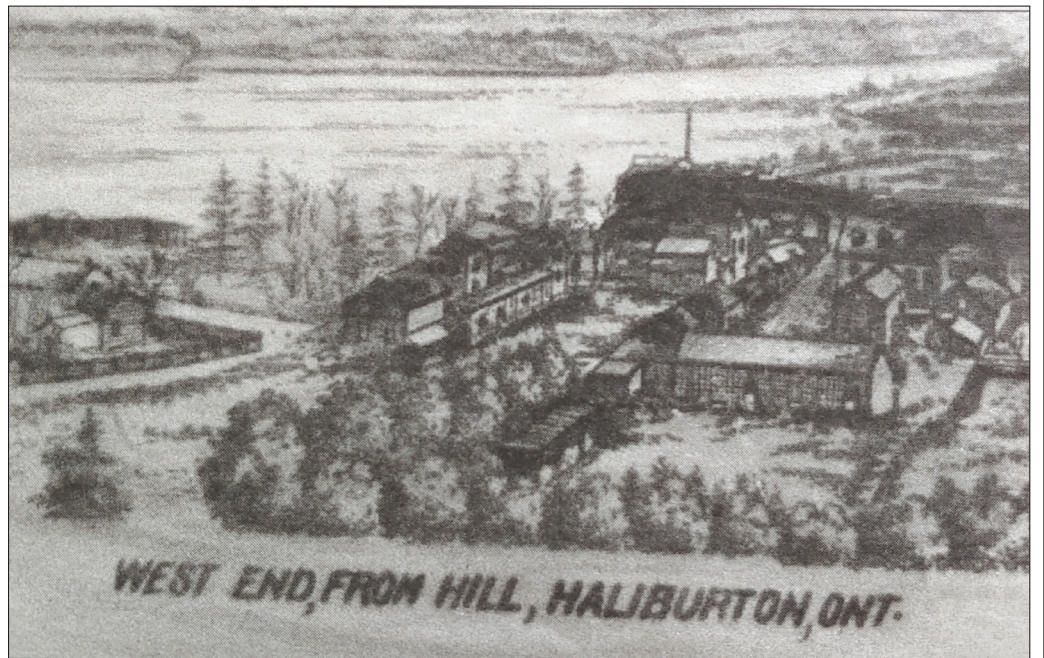
I don't know and I don't care. But I suspect that you know people are villainizing you. And I assume you probably feel like you could use a friend.

So I'm making this offer. Invite me over and I'll be just that. Just make sure it's right after my morning coffee.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

This week's Pic of the Past should perhaps be called Plate of the Week. It's a photograph of an old plate that came from the collection of the late Lena Clarke. This image was first printed in the Echo Feb. 22, 2000 courtesy of Clarke's niece, Doreen Rae. The scene is of Head Lake, which was ringed with lumber mills in the early years of Haliburton's development. Unfortunately, we do not know what year the scene represents.

letters to the editor

Support for county's shoreline bylaw

To the Editor,

Environment Haliburton! wishes to express its support for an effective bylaw to protect natural shorelines. This bylaw needs to include strong aspirational shoreline preservation language already present in existing township and county Official Plans. We believe that site alteration and permitting rules are necessary to protect natural shoreline vegetation from development pressure.

Also, we would like to encourage property owners who have altered shorelines (such as lawns), to renaturalize as much of their shoreline as they can, as soon as possible. Native plants

have much deeper root systems that can protect against erosion and can absorb pollutants before they enter the lake.

One of the best ways that we can ensure that Haliburton continues to be known for its sparkling clean water is to promote natural shoreline buffer zones that are wide enough to protect our lakes from pollution and erosion during heavy rains.

Susan Hay
President, EH!



Pink stockings and a pink hoodie. All dressed for spring! Submitted by Belinda Gallagher

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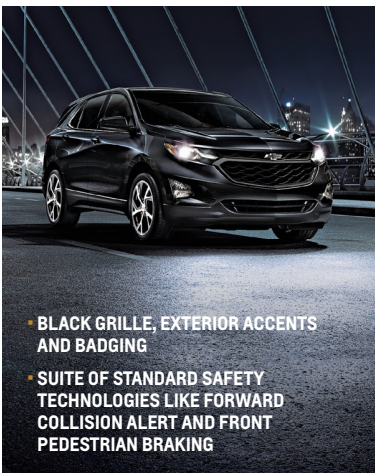
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Talks continue on shoreline bylaw

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Staff Reporter

Haliburton County councillors continued to discuss the creation of an enhanced shoreline preservation bylaw during a March 11 committee-of-the-whole meeting, and were scheduled to continue those talks at a special county council meeting on Tuesday, March 17.

During the March 11 meeting, councillors heard a presentation from Michele Bromley, who owns Boshkung Lake Tree Service, and was speaking on behalf of a group of half a dozen local landscaping companies.

While Haliburton County has had a shoreline tree preservation bylaw – restricting the cutting of trees within 30 metres of the high-water mark – since 2012, the new draft shoreline protection bylaw entails heightened protections including that of all vegetation within the same shoreline band, along with stricter regulation of site alterations, and other restrictions.

“We are not against the shoreline preservation bylaw as like many others in this community, this community is both where we live, and where we conduct our business,” Bromley said. “It’s our home.”

Bromley read aloud a letter from the group of landscape contractors that had been submitted to the county, outlining concerns that the draft bylaw is not

comprehensive, overlaps with lower-tier bylaws in a number of areas, thereby causing confusion, and does not address a number of factors that can affect lake health, such as use of fertilizers and pesticides.

“First and foremost the group is fully supportive of a workable and comprehensive shoreline preservation bylaw to ensure the protection and rehabilitation of the water quality of our lakes,” Bromley told councillors. “However, the draft bylaw as presented fails to achieve this goal, in areas is reaching beyond its original intent, and in other areas missing key factors that have significant impact on the water quality of our lakes.”

Bromley said the group is recommending the creation of a working committee for the bylaw that would include members of county council, the landscapers’ group, the Haliburton County Home-builder’s Association, The Lakelands Association of Realtors, and proponents of the draft bylaw. The Coalition of Haliburton County Property Owners’ Associations has advocated for the creation of such a bylaw, emphasizing the necessity of protecting lake health.

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts has said she supports the idea of creating a working committee composed of a variety of community stakeholders to review the bylaw, however, Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt said at last week’s meeting that she’s strongly opposed to that idea.

“I have very serious concerns about a committee,” Moffatt said. “A committee can never represent everyone.” While the CHA is advocating for the bylaw, “There’s even division within lake associations, from the feedback I’ve received,” Moffatt continued, adding that various pieces of legislation would also touch on the work of a committee, and that the good intentions of forming a committee could create more work and consume more time in the long run.

Councillors have agreed there will be an extended public input process on the bylaw, likely to include a number of public meetings as well as more online engagement opportunities, and Moffatt said she’d be supportive of hiring a third party to provide consultation and produce results, “so that it’s arm’s length.”

There were thoroughly mixed feelings among councillors on the creation of a committee. Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton was supportive. Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy thought any committee should only include councillors. Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin thought that work should fall to the county’s planning committee, which includes all of county council and will soon include a couple of members of the public as well. Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Danielsen shared Moffatt’s concerns that the creation of any committee could not adequately represent all stakeholders.

While during a late February coun-

cil meeting councillors had agreed they would conduct an internal review of the draft bylaw during the March 11 committee-of-the-whole meeting, some had not come prepared to do so, or thought it was not worthwhile at this point in time, or that it would consume too much time in an already busy agenda for the day.

“At some point we need to discuss the content and details of the bylaw, discuss it thoroughly,” Danielsen said.

Councillors agreed they would call a special meeting on Tuesday, March 17 to delve into the details of the bylaw, as well as decide what the extended public feedback process on the draft bylaw will look like. There was a previous online feedback process that garnered hundreds of comments.

As for the draft bylaw not dealing with fertilizers and pesticides, county planner Charley White said they had not been included because council had requested they not be. Danielsen said this request had been made because councillors thought this regulation would be difficult to enforce, but that perhaps it could be reconsidered.

While the draft bylaw does include aspects covered in other lower-tier bylaws, White said those bylaws cover the entire township, whereas the draft shoreline bylaw deals only with the 30-metre band around water bodies. There is a legislative mechanism by which the lower-tier townships can delegate authority to the county within this zone.

Shoreline bylaw supporters make their case at Enviro-Cafe

JENN WATT

Editor

Proponents of the county’s proposed shoreline preservation bylaw held an information session at the Haliburton United Church last week to discuss the necessity of protecting the county’s lakes and review the regulations that are currently up for debate at the county council table.

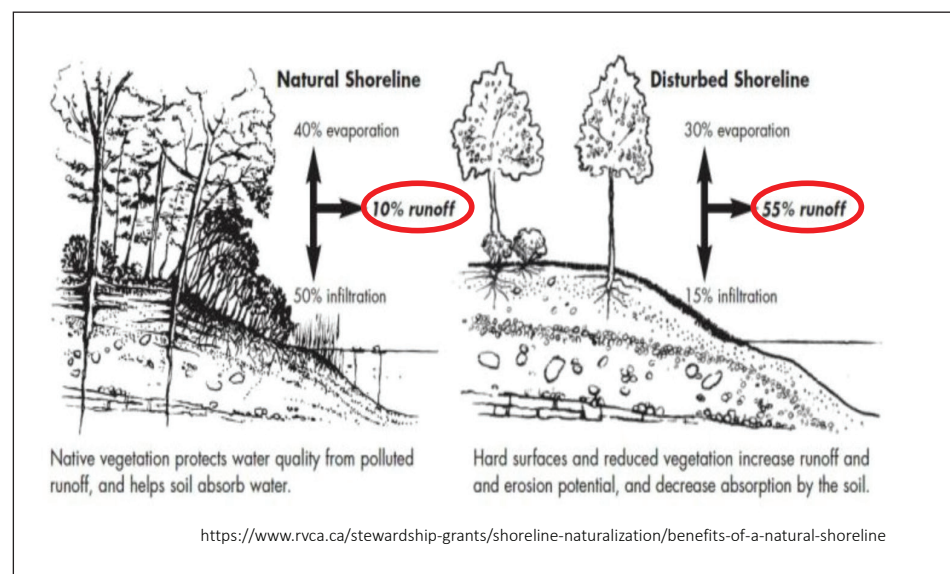
Part of Environment Haliburton’s Enviro-Cafe series, Tuesday’s talk featured Terry Moore, who reviewed several pieces of municipal legislation, and Paul MacInnes, president of the Coalition of Haliburton County Property Owners’ Associations, or CHA.

The proposed bylaw seeks to extend protection of vegetation within 30 metres of the high-water mark on waterfront properties as well as impose stricter limits on site alterations, among other things. In the last month, some members of the business community have raised issue with these changes, arguing that the bylaw isn’t controlling some of the pollutants that endanger lakes, goes too far in the area it covers and introduces unnecessary bureaucracy.

Moore and MacInnes sought to outline why the shoreline was important to protect and to point out that much of what is in the proposed bylaw is already written into the county’s official plan, tree protection bylaw and similar documents at the lower-tier municipal levels.

“In the county of Haliburton official plan for example, ... you’ll find the 75 per cent protection [of natural shoreline] back 30 metres from the high-water mark. It’s in the official plan already and it’s in the official plan of every single one of the townships,” Moore said.

The shoreline section of the county’s



The graphic above was used during Paul MacInnes's talk at Tuesday's Enviro-Cafe in Haliburton. It shows the effect a natural shoreline has on runoff.

official plan does state that natural vegetation must be retained within the setback and that site alteration and development take place 30 metres from the high-water mark “with no disturbance of native soils and very limited removal of shoreline vegetation.”

It goes on to say: “Clearing of natural vegetation and the disturbance of native soils along the shoreline will be restricted to that needed for access, recreational use and safety of residents.”

This language has been on the books for years, Moore told the audience. He said the proposed shoreline bylaw was putting the objectives of the official plan into practice.

MacInnes used his time in front of the group to explain why it’s important to protect the 30 metres of land that runs alongside the county’s lakes.

“Shoreline vegetation filters out polluted and contaminated runoff before it flows into the lake,” he said, identifying septic leachate as a major source of phosphorus locally. Although some of it is removed through the septic system, about 35 per cent comes out into the land.

“Deep rooted shoreline vegetation – and I’m not talking grass that has roots three or four inches deep, but I’m talking deep rooted shoreline vegetation – is the best defence we have to capture that 35 per cent before it gets into the lake,” he said.

Shoreline vegetation also creates habitat for wildlife, prevents erosion, cools the water for fish, provides food and shelter for animals and slows surface water during storms.

In dollars-and-cents, MacInnes pointed out that much is riding on keeping lakes

healthy: about \$6 billion worth. That’s the amount all of the lakefront properties in the county are worth, he said.

He quoted a figure from the Canadian Real Estate Association saying property values drop by 30 per cent on average when blue-green algae is found in a lake.

“If you wait until you’ve got a problem it’s too late to do anything about it because if you get one algae bloom, you’re going to get more every year because as that algae dies, it uses up the oxygen in the water as it decays and there’s a chemical reaction that takes place,” he said.

A four-year project undertaken by the CHA created an inventory of 12,000 lakefront properties in the county, noting how many had natural shorelines. Between 46 and 47 per cent of lakefront properties are in their natural state.

“What we’re asking the county for is please help us protect that 46 per cent that we’ve got left. We can’t afford to lose any more of it. And as new people move up here, the lake association doesn’t even have a chance to get to them before they’ve hired somebody to take out that natural shoreline,” MacInnes said.

Following the presentations, members of the audience raised a range of concerns about the bylaw, some asking why it isn’t going further, including pesticides and fertilizers or including properties that aren’t directly on the lake. Many more specific questions didn’t have obvious answers, with Moore encouraging people to contact their councillors to get the answers.

He encouraged the group to be vocal and visible during the upcoming public consultations and ask the tough questions of their councillors.

Due to COVID-19 health precautions, on Sunday county council announced that a planned review of the bylaw planned for Tuesday would be postponed.

Covert awarded for 45 years of service

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 10 meeting of Highlands East council.

Earl Covert, Highlands East roads superintendent, received a distinguished service award to honour his 45 years of working with the municipality. Covert becomes the first employee in the municipality to receive the award, as the first employee with a 45-year-long standing. Sharon Stoughton-Craig worked for 41 years in the municipal field.

Friends of Fire Department requests changes to spending

Highland Grove resident Cheryl Ellis, representing Friends of the Fire Department, made a delegation to council asking them to consider what she called "alternatives to the costly installation of exhaust fans in the fire stations 1, 2 and 6" and "to seek out reasonable pricing for roof repairs at Station 2."

After a facilities report by Walter Fedy, council had opted this year to include items in the municipality's budget that were based on health and safety reasons, or that had been identified by staff as having a need to be addressed in the current year. Two exhaust fans for each of the municipality's five stations

are included in the budget, at a cost of \$20,000 per station. Ellis said the OHSA and building code recommends, rather than requires as a rule or regulation, the installation of exhaust fans in fire halls, and that training to firefighters on the risk of exposure to diesel exhaust as well as on control measures, including opening the bay door of the fire station at appropriate times are also recommendations.

"We would also like to suggest council have a health and safety risk assessment performed to measure the level of contaminants from the vehicle exhaust," Ellis told council. "These assessments should be performed during an active call for an accurate assessment. Before moving forward with such a costly upgrade, we believe it would make sense to be 100 per cent sure it is needed."

She said that "If training is provided and control measures continue to be practised as per OHSA regulations, the savings would be better utilized to improve and maintain our emergency services."

Ellis also requested, on behalf of the Friends of the Fire Department, that council look to repair rather than replace steel roof systems at Station 4 and Station 6.

"If council would look at the possibility of getting quotes then putting a tender out for patching/replacing only bad or damaged panels, re-applying sealant to areas that need it and tightening or replacing loose screws; perhaps even the tear down of the chimney and roof repair at that section in Station 2 could be done at the same time for another cost savings," she said in her delegation.



Mayor Dave Burton presents a distinguished service award to Earl Covert, roads supervisor, for his 45 years of service with the municipality. /Submitted

Acting fire chief Chris Baughman thanked Ellis for her interest in firefighters' health and safety, and said that all halls do require mediation for exhaust ventilation, and that the \$20,000 included in the budget for each hall is to investigate the need or necessity for the installation of exhaust fans.

"I'm not suggesting that we have to

spend all that money, but I do feel we still need to move forward with testing and recommendations from a professional in that field," he said.

Regarding the roof system, Baughman said there had been no money approved in the 2020 budget for Station 2, but roof repairs at Station 4 and Station 6 had been left in.

Sun shines on Snowshuffle

community news

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Eleanor Cooper
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February news consists mainly of the Valentine concert held at Maple Lake United Church. This is an annual fundraiser headed by Kathleen Owens, organist always at the organ. Kathleen began and closed the event with hymns sung by all in attendance.

Rev. Max Ward offered a prayer which was followed by several vocal or instrumental selections and some choral numbers by some of St. George's Church choir. Bill Gliddon led us in "Friends in Christ." Bill also accompanied each of the following numbers: Luba Cargill played Bach and Vivaldi selections then turned to Darling Nelly Grey and Leaning on the Everlasting Arms. Shirley Barker and Barry Wilhelm sang David Foster's "The Prayer," so beautifully that it brought tears! John Pugh entertained on the harmonica and Gus Janca performed "Ashokan Farewell" on his mellophone. The choir returned to sing "When you and I were young, Maggie" and John Miller

sang a medley of songs popular in the musicals. I read an endearing Irish poem and a couple of Ogden Nash rhymes. Wayne Cooper sang two songs from "Kismet" and "Thank God I'm Old." Beth Johns, Norris Turner and a friend, Bruce Walton played Celtic tunes on violin and guitar and Bruce concluded the music with his own composition of Maple Lake Church, how it began and grew.

Albert Carpenter was MC of the program in his capable and humorous fashion and he and Judy invited everyone to partake of the refreshments they had prepared. Thanks to all who participated and brought so much enjoyment to the event.

Snowshuffle on Feb. 29 began at the Centre at 9 a.m. with registration in beautiful sunshine. Enthusiasm ran high for the 204 participants in this its 40 years of being. The run ran from Guilford to Kenisis with lunch at Kushog, returning at 4 p.m. Winner was Jennifer Dance and congratulations on her sum of \$4,080 especially since it was her first time on a snowmobile! Dinner and dance were enjoyed by all at the Centre, Sandra being DJ and Greg Cooper MC for presentation of the dozens of prizes won. Local businesses were glad to be represented in the many prizes of gift certificates or equipment. Thanks to all who came and made the day a success.

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TripAdvisor campaign gets go-ahead

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

"We don't govern by survey," Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt said as the county's tourism committee discussed, and ultimately supported, running a Haliburton Highlands campaign on popular online travel website TripAdvisor for 2020.

As previously reported, the purchase of a destination page on the website, along with an ad campaign, is part of the tourism department's marketing plan for the year. The tourism committee has been discussing the issue during the past few months. There has been some push-back against the idea, particularly from accommodators, since the online travel company takes a large commission – somewhere between 15 and 30 per cent according to one committee member – of any bookings made through its internationally prominent website. A number of committee members have suggested that many people use TripAdvisor to find accommodations, but then typically contact those accommodators themselves to make bookings.

During a committee meeting in February, members had a teleconference call with a representative from TripAdvisor where they were able to ask questions about the destination page, which is a new product for the company. As county tourism director Amanda Virtanen has explained, it would allow the county to

customize and control some of the content on that home page, the idea being to drive as much traffic back to the county's tourism website, with its links to local accommodations, eateries, attractions, event listings, etc., as possible. The cost of the destination page for one year is actually \$2,500, the rest of the approximately \$14,000 expense for an accompanying ad campaign on the site. At least \$10,000 a year must be spent with TripAdvisor for the year under the program.

During the February meeting, committee members had also asked for more feedback from tourism stakeholders and included in the agenda for the committee's March 11 meeting were the results of a survey that had apparently been conducted among stakeholders.

"We all appreciate the intent behind the survey that was taken," said Moffatt, who chairs the committee. "We didn't ask for a survey, we asked for feedback, so we didn't have any input into what the survey said, or asked."

That survey, which indicated it contained 143 responses, showed about 22 per cent of respondents indicating support for the TripAdvisor campaign as planned, more than 45 per cent indicating they'd prefer the county seek alternatives to TripAdvisor, and the remainder supporting deferral until more was known, along with other options.

"There's accusations, there's been suggestions, that it's been hijacked, I don't know by who, or why," Moffatt said. "There's been speculation. This entire issue has gone to a crazy place and there

are lots of issues in the world that are worthy of outrage, and this is not one of them."

The committee opted not to receive the survey as information.

"File it under, um, garbage," said Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy. "We're here to make a decision, and if it's been hijacked, it's of no value to the committee or staff or anybody."

"This is the way of travel, now," said Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts, expressing support for the campaign.

"Proceed, absolutely," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin. "The world changes, this is the future, we need to get on the bus and get going."

Not all members of the committee, which consists of county council along with some members of the public involved in the local tourism industry, were supportive, however.

"I don't disagree with the comments that have been made, however, I feel strongly that because it has gone off the rails, because it is such a contentious issue, that I just think we should set it aside, personally," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Danielsen. "I don't think we've resolved the concerns. I wasn't completely satisfied with the responses that we got from the TripAdvisor person. I think there was some conflicting information there, and I'm not happy with the fact that there still are a number of people who are not supportive of this, and they're the people we're trying to help. So I'm not supportive."

Committee member Rob Berthelot, who owns Halls Lake's Sandy Lane Resort, has repeatedly expressed his concern about the TripAdvisor idea and continued to do so.

"The large amount of people that are opposed to it are accommodators, which are going to be the only ones that [feel] a financial impact," Berthelot said, indicating he was concerned the move could ultimately force accommodation owners to start signing up with TripAdvisor individually. "The adventure types and the restaurants and that, they do not have to pay anything. So, if it does move forward, it could mean accommodators ultimately have to sign up for TripAdvisor, in order to get the full benefit of the county dollars."

"We initially rolled this out in November as a way to help accommodators, and accommodators are saying, 'This doesn't help our accommodators, please don't do it,'" he added.

Berthelot echoed Danielsen's sentiments that the conversation with the TripAdvisor rep had left some unanswered questions.

Committee members agreed that after a year, if they weren't happy with the way the TripAdvisor campaign works out, the county would simply not renew for 2021.

"Nobody around this table is out to deliberately undermine any business owner in the county," Moffatt said. "We're trying to move things forward, and sometimes trying to move things forward requires a little bit of risk."

Library eliminates late fines

At the March 11 library board meeting, it was decided that the Haliburton County Public Library would no longer be charging late fines.

Erin Kernohan-Berning, the library's deputy CEO, made a report to the board detailing the history of overdue fines at the library. In the report she said:

"Late fines for overdue items were instituted at HCPL in 2009. The prevailing logic in the library and information science field at the time was that overdue fines provided a form of inventory control, encouraging patrons to return items on time.

"Within the last five years, libraries have begun to recognize that overdue fines may have limited utility as an inventory control measure, as well as having some negative effects including decreasing card holder numbers and barriers to service."

Effective immediately late fines will not be charged at the library March 11 library board meeting. Fees for lost or damaged materials are still in place as this helps the library replace items in demand without charging the taxpayer twice for the same item. According to library staff, more books experience water damage than any other kind of book mishap. That could be by falling into a puddle or into a bathtub. It seems that many people enjoy reading

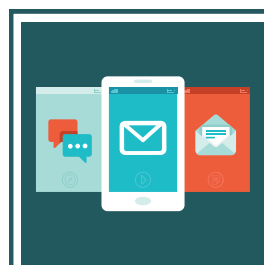
in the bath. If books get wet they have to be removed from the collection because mould will form and transfer to other materials.

During the COVID-19 outbreak, many library systems have declared a fine amnesty so that people who are trying to comply with social distancing have one less thing to think about, and one less reason to venture out.

Although it might seem strange, some people actually like late charges because they feel paying them is an easy way to make regular contributions to the library. If you are mourning the end to your regular contributions, there are many ways to financially support the local library including setting up a monthly donation plan. This can be done by clicking on the "Donate to HCPL" button on the library's website at haliburtonlibrary.ca.

Chicago Public Library went fine free in 2019, and found that within three weeks of implementing their fine-free policy there was a 240 per cent increase in the return of materials, and an additional 400 more library card renewals over the same time in the previous year. HCPL is hoping to see similar results, the idea is to attract people to the library, not scare them away.

Submitted by Bessie Sullivan, CEO of Haliburton County Public Library



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Coronavirus ends Hawks' dreams of OFSAA gold

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

It was supposed to have been an opportunity to live out a dream, battling at the provincial championship and finishing on the podium for the Red Hawks boys' curling team.

The team made up of skip, Jacob Dobson; vice, Liam Little; second, Corin Gervais; and lead, Owen Nicholls, earned their Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations berths with a COSSA title win on Monday, March 9 in Stirling, Ont.

Instead, the Hawks' season is over after OFSAA announced the cancellation of the all-provincial curling championships on Friday, March 13 as a precaution against the spread of the coronavirus.

The recent increase of cases and deaths in Canada and around the world prompted historic decisions such as border restrictions and recommendations to limit groups to less than 50 people in the province.

The team's veterans Jacob Dobson and Liam Little were understanding and acknowledge the serious nature of the situation.

"We are all disappointed by the decision to cancel OFSAA but we also understand why they made that decision. We were quite happy with the way we performed this season, winning our third straight Kawartha title and our second COSSA title as well as being the OSC [Ontario School Curling Championships] regional champions and the OSC provincial champions. The Red Hawks curling program still has that last box to check off for OFSAA champions and we will just have to wait another year for that," Dobson wrote in a text message.

Before the cancellation, Little said winning OFSAA would have meant more to him and to the school due to its greater exposure. The team finished fifth at the all-provincials last year.

The graduating senior dreamt of being on the OFSAA podium for himself and his team, but also for the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

"Ya, for sure, it's always disappointing to get news like this, but you also have to keep in mind the health and safety of the athletes and that's for sure the [most important]. We as a team have accomplished so much this season on and off the ice and that's something that can never be taken away from us. Even though this was my last season and it didn't end the way I was hoping, I'm still going to look back on this team and remember the great things we did and not what we missed," he wrote in a text.

Less than two weeks ago, the athletic and public event landscape was a very different place with many events expected to go ahead. There are now cancellations in every sector of society, including concerts, plays and municipal meetings.

These are efforts to reduce interactions and practise "social distancing," which is a term for maintaining space between people, encouraged by public health officials to stop or slow down the spread of a highly contagious disease.

This season for the Hawks may be without an OFSAA trip, but it wasn't without exclamation marks.

The COSSA title was a repeat performance for Dob-



The Red Hawks senior boys' curling team, from left, Owen Nicholls, Corin Gervais, Liam Little and Jacob Dobson are proud of their season, having repeated as COSSA champions on March 9 in Stirling, Ont. The team had aspirations to finish on the podium at the all-provincials, but had their dreams derailed by the recent announcement that the OFSAA championship would be cancelled as a precaution against the spread of the coronavirus. /Photo submitted by Darrell Dobson

son, Little and Gervais, and the first for Nicholls, who joined the team this year.

The Hawks' COSSA repeat didn't come without challenge.

To qualify for OFSAA, the Hawks beat Eastside 6-5, St. Peter Catholic Secondary School 11-2 and then East Northumberland 7-1 (opponents conceded after five ends) in the final earlier this month. The final game's score belies the Hawks effort to beat their opponent, who entered with a 2-0 record in the tournament.

Hawks skip Dobson said the close score in the first game was indicative of the team's comfort levels.

"The 6-5 game was a little bit more challenging in the sense it was our first game in a new club with different ice and rocks and we just weren't quite as comfortable as we hoped we would," he wrote in a text. "But in general the final game was by far the toughest with constant pressure being put on by ENSS throughout. In that game we were up three going into the last end and on my last shot all we had to do was remove one rock from play. The score was as close as it is because the rock I threw rolled a few inches too far but we were ahead throughout the entire game," he said.

This year's repeat win came after a heartbreaking loss for Dobson and Little, who came up a few centimetres short of COSSA gold three years ago. The pair had to settle for a silver medal that year before taking gold last year and again this year.

Nicholls was proud about earning the berth to OFSAA.

"It means a lot to make it to OFSAA especially on my

first year. It definitely wasn't easy but I'm very proud of myself for making it and it makes me feel like a better curler!" he said, a day before the championship cancellation.

Curling is about more than just technical skills, Little said.

This team's success this season is owed to its chemistry.

"The two new guys just gelled in with the team right from the get-go. We all just bonded. Had really good chemistry from the start and I think that was a huge bonus for our team, knowing the other teams may have complications. Knowing that we had the chemistry already right from get-go definitely a huge advantage in the game of curling in Gore and going into OFSAA will be," he said. "We all have the same goals. We're all on the same page. Having each other's backs. Knowing we have that is a really, really good thing."

The one golden provincial lining for the Red Hawks this season is the 2020 OSC championship title.

Little said taking the OSC title (formerly Gore) was an amazing achievement.

It came as a surprise to the Hawks and is something the team can always have.

"Winning Gore was definitely an amazing thing. We went in expecting to do well, but we never really expected to win the whole entire thing. We kind of got into a groove and won some games straight through and pulled it off in the final ... our team played really, really well," he said.

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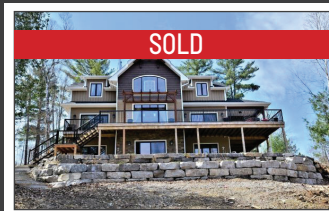
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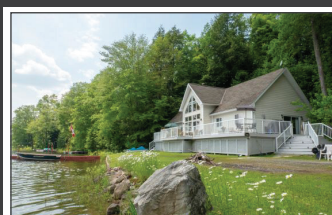
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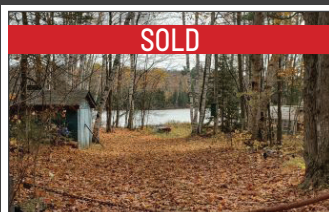
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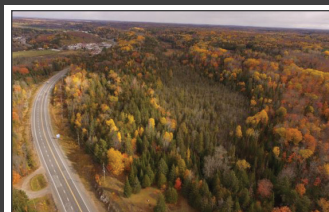
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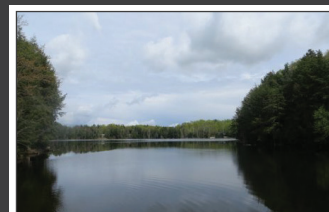
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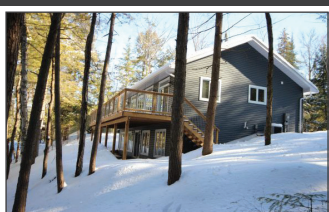
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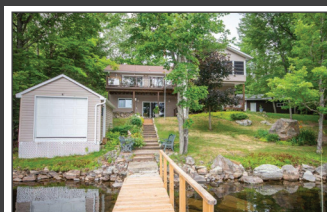
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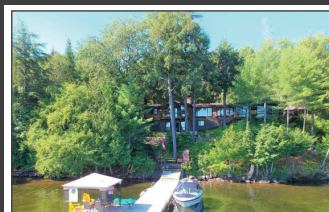
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Silver medals for Red Wolves a shining example of pride

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Red Wolves Special Olympic five-pin bowling team captured silver at the Special Olympics National Winter Games held from Feb. 25 to 29 in Thunder Bay.

Coached by Rick West, the team was ecstatic at the second place.

West said their faces beamed when they learned of their medal win during the presentation on the last day.

"It was so cool. They just raised their hands in the air," he said.

The team of Marianne Stammers, Casey Heley, Andrew Bourgeois, Lucas Anderson and Kim Buie were successful because of hard work, West said.

"They worked really hard. I was really proud of them. They worked really hard," he said.

He credits The Fast Lane bowling alley owner Mary Douglas for providing a free venue for practice any time they wanted.

"She gave us the key and let us go whenever we wanted," he said.

The team practised three days a week for close to three months to prepare.

West also credited the support of the community, the County of Haliburton, the municipalities of Dysart et al and Minden Hills and the Royal Canadian Legion of Minden for providing financial assistance to send the athletes to Thunder Bay to compete.

Although the team didn't bowl as well as they normally can during the three days of competition which included nine games, West said the team rallied to end on a high note, scoring 719 points, missing first place by only 13 pins at the conclusion of the total pin format competition.



Coach Rick West, left, stands with the silver medal winning Red Wolves Special Olympic five-pin bowling team of Marianne Stammers, Andrew Bourgeois, Casey Heley, Kim Buie and Lucas Anderson. The team earned a podium finish with a strong performance to their three days of competition at the Special Olympics National Winter Games held from Feb. 25 to 29 in Thunder Bay. / Submitted by Rick West

Officially it was for Ontario, but in their hearts they were competing for the Haliburton Highlands.

This is the second consecutive national trip for the Red Wolves.

It might be a second set of five bowlers, but the national berth speaks to the calibre of bowlers in the Highlands and it's owed to dedication and practice.

"We're pretty fortunate. We only have 38 bowlers and now 10 of them have gone to a nationals from little Haliburton. Nobody realizes how amazing that

is. That's pretty special. It's normally the bigger teams from Barrie, Toronto. You know they have more athletes to choose from. They have more coaches."

The team also had individual success. Silver medals were won by Stammers, Bourgeois and Buie, who finished second by one pin.

West said the event was very closely contested and said Heley was only 56 pins off of the top finisher after three days.

The coach said coming from a small community added a little more pride to

the achievement for the athletes, as their achievement helped to raise awareness of the Haliburton County community.

"They are pretty proud to be from Haliburton. It's funny. Nobody knows where Haliburton is," he said.

The silver medal and the experience of competing at nationals will stay with him and the team for a long time.

"Everybody had a great time. It will be something that they will remember for a long time," he said.



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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE: March 24, 2020

TIME: Any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has, by resolution, declared the following parcels of land to be surplus.

Applicant: Hagerty, Kelterborn, Jones, Marinescu

Location: 2741, 2777 Boice Bradley Drive – Redstone Lake.
- Between Concessions 12 and 13 in Lots 28 and 29 and part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 28, Concession 12 and part of the original shore road allowance in front of the original allowance for road between Concessions 12, 13 on a plan of survey, prepared by Greg Bishop Surveying and Consulting Ltd. dated July 21, 2015 and a preliminary plan prepared by C.T. Strongman Surveying Ltd. dated October 30, 2019.

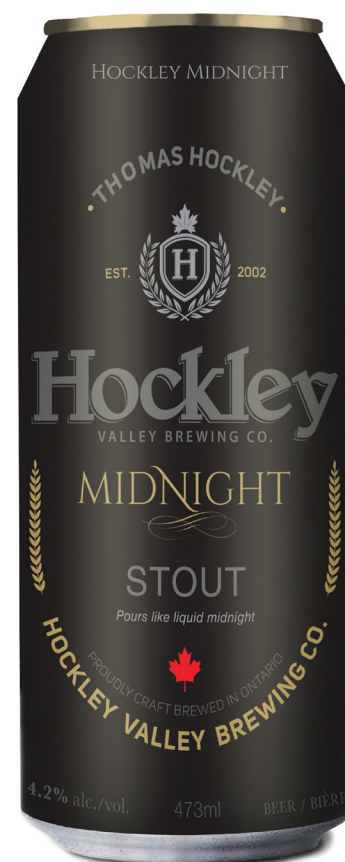
NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portion of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 12th day of March, 2020.

Jeff Iles,
Director of Planning and Land Information



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Badminton season in question

Above, Red Hawks badminton hopeful Grace Kim returns a shot during a workout on Wednesday, March 11 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. With recent measures to counteract the spread of the coronavirus, secondary schools and elementary schools are closed until April 6, leaving the season in doubt. /DARREN LUM Staff

Above left, Red Hawks badminton player Bence Suranyi returns a shot during a workout.

Left, Red Hawks senior coach Jason Morissette, left, helps Jonas Moghini.



CHANGES TO THE SEPTIC REINSPECTION PROGRAM IN DYSART ET AL



Dysart et al is making changes to the septic re-inspection program. Following a two year pilot program in the Kennisis Lake Area (Area #1), Dysart et al is introducing changes that they believe will better protect our lake health by addressing potential issues throughout the Municipality in a timely fashion.

With the changes, Dysart et al will still have the most comprehensive septic re-inspection system around as lake health is a priority of Council.

Dysart et al is working on a long term solution to deal with septage waste and hope to make this a reality in the near future, but in the meantime, we still dispose of septage in open fields.

What is changing?

- Elimination of Mandatory Pump Out
- A Private Contractor will be retained by Municipality who will make appointments for inspections.
- We are aligning our program requirement with neighbouring municipalities

Why are we changing our program?

- Based on the results of Area #1, the mandatory pump out was not deemed necessary to determine proper operation of the septic system and provided no additional environmental protection towards our lakes. In contrast, the pump outs contributed towards unnecessary field spreading of septage that would have had no environmental impact if left in the tank to be treated as intended.
- Desire to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the number of unnecessary trips with pumper trucks up and down cottage roads.
- Inspectors will do flow through tests and sludge/scum measures that better indicate the health of the overall system including the bed.
- Desire to ensure we get through the entire system in a reasonable amount of time as this will minimize damage to our overall lake health and allow an ongoing system of re-inspection in the future. The revised program will see a complete review of all of our lakes within a seven year window rather than 13.

When will tanks be pumped under the new program?

- Tanks will be pumped if sludge/scum composition and quantity indicate that it is necessary.
- Tanks will be pumped if there is no septic record on file
- Tanks will be pumped if there are visible defects or effluent levels are low within the tank indicating a potential leak

Numbers Speak

- Total inspected to date = 794
- Minor issues resolved on site = approx. 60
- Major issues that included undersized systems due to extra bedrooms, etc. and failures = approx.140
- Systems working or with minor issues that were pumped needlessly = approx. 650 (average tank size 3000L = 1.9 million litres of septage spread on open fields.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW 2005-120 OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- **DATE:** Monday, April 6th, 2020
- **TIME:** 3:30 pm
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers in the Municipal Office
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

Application:

Lands of Lee.

- Purpose and Effect: The proposed amendment will rezone the lands from *Waterfront Residential Type 6L (WR6L)*, *Environmental Protection (EP)*, and *Open Space (OS) Zones* to *Waterfront Residential Type 3L (WR3L)*, *Rural Type 1L (RU1L)*, *Environmental Protection (EP)* and *Open Space (OS) Zones*.
- Location: Part of Lot 5, Concession 11 & 12, Geographic Township of Guilford.
- The Zoning By-law amendment application is a condition of application for consent H-023/19.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: about this application, including a copy of the draft by-law, is available by contacting the Planning and Land Information Department during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm), Monday to Friday.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MATTER INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT APPEAL RIGHTS: Contact the Planning and Land Information Department during regular office hours, Monday to Friday.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 17th day of March, 2020.

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Haliburton boy needs votes in design contest

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

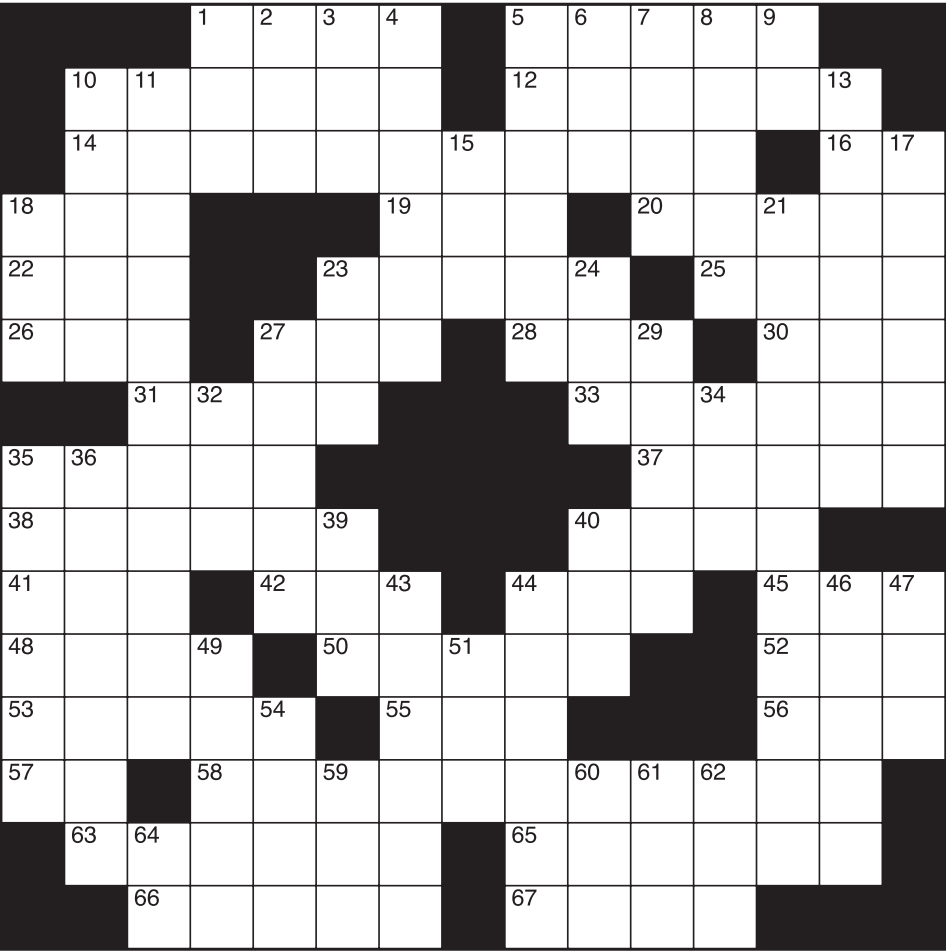
Nine-year-old Kip Kelly of Haliburton has just come home from ice fishing with

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- CLUES ACROSS

 - 1. Currency of Guinea
 - 5. Avert something bad
 - 10. Sounds
 - 12. Immediate dangers
 - 14. Legendary Tar Heels coach
 - 16. Californium
 - 18. Work standards government dept. (abbr.)
 - 19. Coastal Scottish town
 - 20. Triangular lower back bones
 - 22. Trouble
 - 23. A way to smile
 - 25. Something that is not what it seems
 - 26. Of she
 - 27. Temporary living quarters
 - 28. Bag-like structure in a plant or animal
 - 30. Indicates near
 - 31. Spiritual leader
 - 33. Soup dish
 - 35. Philippine island
 - 37. No longer fashionable
 - 38. Peaks
 - 40. Alabama football team
 - 41. __ King Cole
 - 42. Digital audiotape
 - 44. Open trough
 - 45. The woman
- 48. Cools down
 - 50. Turkic language
 - 52. Body part
 - 53. Pulse steadily
 - 55. Embedded computer hardware company
 - 56. Indicates shape
 - 57. Thou (plural)
 - 58. Odd and remarkable
 - 63. An evening party
 - 65. National capital of Zambia
 - 66. Tantalizes
 - 67. Dark brown or black

CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Not naturally outgoing
 - 2. Exclamation of pain
 - 3. Polynesian garland of flowers
 - 4. Surrounded by water
 - 5. Church towers
 - 6. Hot beverage
 - 7. Body parts
 - 8. Travel documents
 - 9. Railway
 - 10. Gradually wear away
 - 11. Measuring instrument
 - 13. Minor dust-ups
 - 15. Strongly alkaline solution
 - 17. Extreme scarcity of food
- 18. Dash
 - 21. Philly culinary specialty
 - 23. Popular lager __ Adams
 - 24. Snitch
 - 27. Trimmed
 - 29. Greek god of desire
 - 32. Take to the limit
 - 34. Cool!
 - 35. Sound mental health
 - 36. Native American group
 - 39. Test for high schoolers
 - 40. Rocky peak
 - 43. Preferences
 - 44. Bother
 - 46. Call attention to (slang)
 - 47. Snake-like fish
 - 49. Bulgarian capital
 - 51. Don't know when yet
 - 54. Italian Seaport
 - 59. Brooklyn hoopster
 - 60. Where to bathe
 - 61. Equal, prefix
 - 62. Beverage container
 - 64. Denotes openness

Answers on page 20

his father last Thursday when he learned from his mother that his original design was chosen as one of the top 10 finalists for the 2021 Jackrabbit Toque Design Contest, run by Nordiq Canada. The young Nordic skier couldn't say

what inspired his design of a chicken on Nordic skis, double poling, but appreciated the good news and said, "It was awesome." Kip entered the contest last year, but this is his first time making the top 10. The contest had more than 100 entries and was open to children between the ages five and nine who are enrolled in the Nordiq Canada Jackrabbit or Bunnyrabbit programs. Kip said his background in art includes lessons from Rose Pearson, Carole Finn, and time with his mother, Isabel. His father Rob was happy for his son and provided this comment about the chicken image: "I think it's fun. Skiing is fun and so are chickens. Everyone should

ski. Even chickens." To win, Kip needs your votes. Only Nordiq Canada members are eligible to vote. One vote can be cast from an electronic device. Voting is open until noon (MST) on March 18. Use the Survey Monkey link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/XQ2ZY2Q. The winner of the contest will be posted on Nordiq Canada's Facebook page and website. The possibility of winning and having his image on some 10,500 toques, which will go to Jackrabbit and Bunnyrabbit skiers, brought about more smiles from Kip who said "it would be awesome," adding: "I'd love it."



Nine-year-old Kip Kelly needs votes to win the 2021 Jackrabbit Toque Design Contest. If Kip wins, his image will be on some 10,500 toques given to Jackrabbit and Bunnyrabbit Nordic skiers. Only Nordiq Canada members are eligible to vote. /DARREN LUM Staff

Hunter Hamilton's dream to skate with NHLers on hold

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Hunter Hamilton has been receiving supportive messages from friends and family following the postponement of his opportunity to skate with NHLers. Public health measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus led to a decision to suspend the NHL season. All professional and amateur sports organizations in North America, which include the NHL, NBA, MLB, MLS and CFL, and high school, university and college competitions have suspended operations.

Hamilton and his family were expecting to attend the Toronto Maple Leafs and Nashville Predators hockey game in Toronto last Thursday, as part of winning the Scotiabank Skater contest. The eight-year-old's mother Cheryl Hamilton wrote in a Facebook message she learned about the bad news from James Salvian of Partnership Marketing Intern, Global Partnerships. "He said that it's being postponed two weeks and then will re-evaluate. He wasn't really sure of all the details honestly. I also asked the chances of Hunter getting to do it again and he said he would keep me informed as he wasn't sure of this yet either," she wrote.



For the lassies

Curlers Candy Robinson, left, and Aggie Tose sweep during the Highland Lassie bonspiel held on Saturday, March 7 at the Haliburton Curling Club. The winners of the ladies invitational event was the Lewis rink, made up of skip Kim Lewis, vice, Cindy Campbell, second, Robinson and lead, Tose. The team was surprised at the win since Robinson hadn't curled for three years and Tose for four years. The event featured 16 teams, who were led in a grand march by piper Fraser MacDonald. / DARREN LUM Staff



Curler Norma Kennedy raises her arm in celebration after a teammate made a throw.



Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums bagpiper Fraser MacDonald scans the crowd of curlers after finishing his performance leading the group of competitors in a mass march during the Highland Lassie bonspiel.

INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved 2020-2021 Annual Work Schedule Bancroft-Minden Forest

The **Bancroft District Office** of the Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)** has reviewed and approved the April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Bancroft-Minden Forest**.

Availability

The AWS will be available for public inspection for a fifteen day period at the Bancroft-Minden Forest Company Inc. (BMFCI) Office and the Ontario government website at ontario.ca/forestplans, beginning **March 17, 2020** and available for viewing throughout the one-year duration of the AWS.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest management activities such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

Tree Planting and Fuelwood

BMFCI is responsible for tree planting on the Bancroft-Minden Forest. Please contact Svetlana Zeran, General Manager, at 613-332-6890 for information regarding tree planting job opportunities.

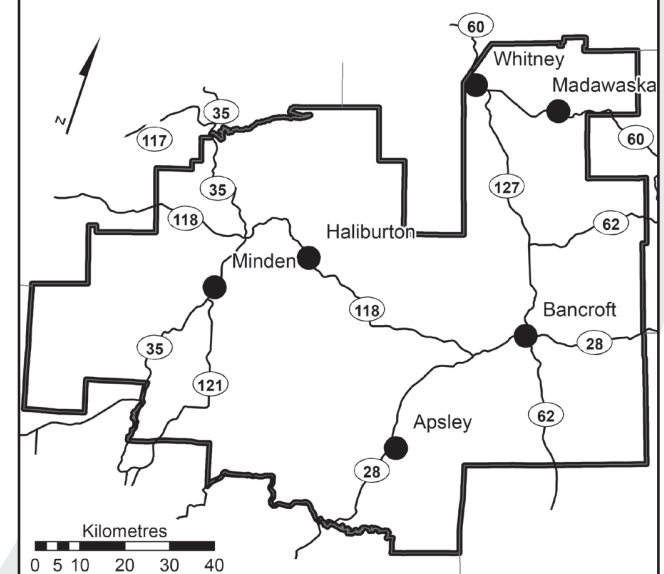
For information on the locations and licence requirements for obtaining fuelwood for personal use, please contact the MNRF Bancroft District Office, Glenn McLean at 613-332-3940, ext. 211. For commercial fuelwood opportunities, please contact BMFCI at 613-332-6890.

More Information

For more information on the AWS or to arrange an appointment with MNRF staff to discuss the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

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UPCOMING

Community Events

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

At press time, the Echo was unable to confirm whether the following events are taking place. Please be sure to call ahead before attending any events listed.

Lenten Lunch
When: March 18
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church
Service at noon. Followed by soup lunch. By Donation

Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association-Fish Hatchery's Wild Game Dinner
When: Saturday, March 21, 5 p.m. cocktails and 6:30 p.m. dinner
Where: Haliburton Legion
Great food, great company, great silent auction. Note domestic meat available
Tickets: \$35 person or \$55 per couple
Reserve tickets by calling I HHOA-Fish Hatchery at 705 457-9664 on Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information: <https://www.hhoa.on.ca/>

Lenten Lunch
When: March 25
Where: Highland Hills United Church
Service at noon. Followed by soup lunch. By Donation

Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, March 25, 10:30 am to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

Lenten Lunch
When: April 1
Where: Our Lady of the Fatima Catholic Church
Service at 12 noon. Followed by soup lunch. By Donation

Storytelling Workshop
When: April 1, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Where: Dysart Public Library
Join Jim Blake and Fay Wilkinson for a workshop on storytelling. We'll cover what stories to tell, where to find them, and an intro on how to learn stories and deliver them. There will be opportunities for people to try out their skills and we'll provide snacks. For ages 10-110. Cost is \$7 per person, or pay what you can. To register, email Bob at hudspithbob@gmail.com or call 705-809-3160.

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association monthly meeting
When: Monday April 6, 7 p.m.
Where: HCSA Clubhouse, 171 Mallard Road in Haliburton's Industrial Park.
It's a busy time for the HCSA with a number of projects on and off the trails. For further info email info@hcsa.ca or call 705-457-4263. Everyone is Welcome

Annual Model Train Show
When: Saturday April 4, Sunday April 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Victoria Park Armoury 210 Kent St. West, Lindsay
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A boreal event

Left, Katherine Wheatley of Boreal performs at a concert on Saturday, March 7 at YMCA Wanakita in Haliburton. The evening concert was part of the three-day Winter Folk Camp from March 6 to 9. The Folk Camp is a project of the Haliburton County Folk Society and the Haliburton County Community Cooperative. /DARREN LUM Staff

Above, Angie Nussey of Boreal laughs.

Below, Tannis Slimmon sings, flanked by Boreal bandmates Katherine Wheatley, far left, and Angie Nussey, far right.



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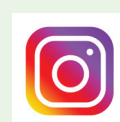
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Haliburton Community Housing Corporation

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JOB SUMMARY

The Housing Manager reports directly to the HCHC Board of Directors and oversees all day-to-day operations at Parklane Apartments and Echo Hills Apartments in compliance with federal, provincial and municipal legislation, ensuring that all operations are conducted in timely and cost-effective ways. The Manager maintains positive relationships with tenants, staff, vendors and the Board of Directors.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Knowledge of the Housing Services Act and regulations, Residential Tenancies Act and regulations, social housing programs, other legislation pertinent to operating residential properties
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In Loving Memory of
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Beloved wife of the late Jack Cooper and predeceased by her son Larry Cooper (Holly). Dear sister of Cyril (deceased), Bert (deceased)(Gwen), June and Richmond (both deceased), Mary and Les, John (deceased)(Judy), Charlie (deceased)(Marlene), Maizie (deceased)(George). Much loved by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends

In keeping with Alice's wishes, cremation has taken place. A Private family interment will be held at the Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton at later date.


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Norma "Jean" May
(Resident of Minden, Ontario)

Jean passed away peacefully with her family by her side on March 11, 2020. she grew up in Uxbridge, Ontario and married her high school sweetheart, Ron May, and celebrated their 50th Anniversary in 2017. Together they had two children, Stephen May (Kathy) and Brenda Duncan (Will). Jean will be lovingly remembered by her four grandchildren, Krista Duncan, Carley Duncan, Ryan May, and Sarah May. Jean is predeceased by her parents, Lorne and Edith Langstaff. She is survived by her husband Ron, sister Linda Stickwood (Chess), brothers George Langstaff (Vicky), and Bob Langstaff (Rosy).

In addition to being a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, Jean was also an accomplished crafter. Everything she made was precise and particular to detail that she was proud to share with others. She shared paintings, quilts, needlework, knitting, sewing, and pottery with family and friends to be cherished for years to come. Jean was immensely loved by her family and friends; she leaves behind nothing but beautiful memories.

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Friends are invited to visit the family at **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy #118, Haliburton, Ontario, (705) 457-9209 on Monday evening March 16, 2020 from 7-9 p.m. A service to celebrate Jean's life will be held on Tuesday morning, March 17, 2020 at **HALIBURTON UNITED CHURCH** 10 George St, Haliburton, Ontario at 11 a.m. (Visitation one hour prior). Reception to follow the service in the Church Hall.

In lieu of flowers, as an expression of sympathy, memorial donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated. Jean is very appreciative of the excellent care through Dr. Tina Stephenson, all the doctors, nurses, and support staff that keep the hospital a high-quality medical facility for residences of the county.

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Mute moose

Lesly Austen sprinkles a little powder sugar on a moose tongue at the booth selling the delicacy in Dorset Saturday. The deep fried pastry was a hit. *More carnival pictures page 5*

Stellar performance:

Entrepreneur wants to create Skymap Platform

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

All the sky's a stage, says a Harcourt entrepreneur who wants to give the stars the showcase they need for a truly stellar performance.

"The Stargazer Skymap Observation Platform (would be) the world's first only custom-made outdoor astronomy and enter-

tainment site, complete with easy-to-read star maps, CD quality sound system, seating and fully lit with red light," says its creator, Andy Hillo.

At last Wednesday's county council meeting, seeking seed money to transform his dream into the Highlands' next star attraction, Hillo described the Skymap experience this way.

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Looking for a balance on issues of environment, development

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Getting everyone to agree there has to be a balance between protecting the environment and allowing growth and development was the easy part at Friday afternoon's meeting about the county's first Official Plan.

However, "balance and sustainability are easier to talk about than they are to achieve," facilitator Gary Davidson noted drolly, his observation underlining the debate which had gone back and forth for the first two hours of the meeting at the county office.

"Everyone's got a notion of what's good; the problem is they're all different."

As Stephen Foster, one of the 50 people in attendance, summed up, Haliburton County needs an Official Plan which promotes business sensitive environmental rules and environment sensitive planning rules.

Views from all points in the spectrum were expressed at the meeting, the second in a series of public forums as work begins on the document.

The county has asked Davidson, Huron County's planner, to help with the process. County politicians have told him they want a general OP, one which takes a broad brush approach, leaving the finer touches for the municipalities to implement.

As a springboard for debate, a sub-committee of the county's advisory committee on the environment had drafted a list of policies it would like included.

It wanted such things as: an environmental impact statement done every time there's a rezoning; an environment committee to monitor the environment and implementation of protection measures; policies which enable landowners to become more involved in regulating access, boats and motors, and protecting the shoreline and habitat; a lake capacity study every time new development is proposed; mapping of sensitive areas and areas with natural scientific interest, with no development to be allowed; identification and protection of remaining agricultural lands; and protection of natural wildlife corridors.

The committee's document, which was withdrawn when the meeting began, pro-

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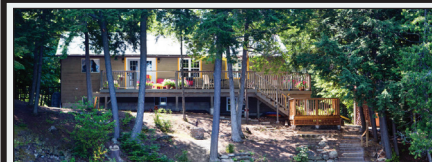
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HALIBURTON LAKE

\$639,000

Meticulously cared for 3 BR, 2 bath year round home/cottage. Private lot perfect for children to play. 176 ft frtg. Beautiful sandy beach, dock and full sun. Bright open concept living. Fully finished lower level. Enjoy the stunning views of nature. Detached single garage.



KENNISIS LAKE

\$569,000

It's all about the lot!! Enjoy the gorgeous sunsets from this west facing level lot. Amazing rock shoreline, deep water entry is great for the avid swimmers. 125 ft frontage and year round road. Looking for a fixer upper this one is for you! 3 bdrms 2 with balconies.



TWELVE MILE LAKE

\$558,000

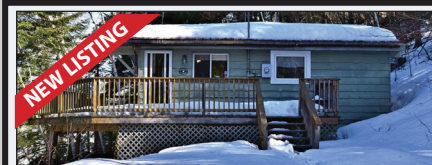
Offering a million-dollar view and spectacular sunsets! Bright open concept custom built 3 BR, 3 bath home. Floor to ceiling windows providing stunning lake views. Finished lower level. Cozy 3 season cedar screened in porch.



LONG LAKE

\$499,900

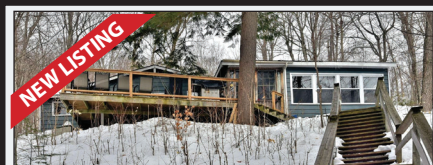
Choose to build your dream cottage on this stunning property overlooking Long Lake or renovate the existing building which includes 2 BR and 1 full bath. Extensive 650' of water frontage. Private seasonal access and beautifully wooded 54+/- acres provides ample privacy.



MISKWABI LAKE

\$486,900

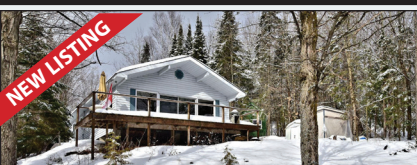
Turnkey 3 bdrm, 4 season cottage. Open concept living space. Finished with pine walls and ceilings, gives the true cottage feel. Recently installed laminate flooring throughout, indoor sauna. This property has it all! Walk-out to wrap around deck. Bunkie for additional living space.



PERCY LAKE

\$379,000

Great traditional family cottage! 4 Bdrm, 1 bath cottage has open concept living space finished w/ laminate flooring and wood interior boasts cottage charm. Large lakefront deck. Southern exposure. The list doesn't stop there, sauna building at waters edge, large sitting deck and dock.



LITTLE GLAMOR LAKE

\$359,000

Open concept traditional 3-bdrm cottage. Large windows and walk out to the lakefront deck. Sloping to level yard with lots of space for the kids and pets to run and play. Beautiful sand beach, southern views, outdoor shower, privacy and more. 1 bedroom bunkie.

VACANT LOTS

Drag Lake \$499,000 7.24AC
Colborne Lake \$289,000 4.83AC
Contau Lake \$165,000 1.33AC
Harburn Road \$99,000 44+AC
Irondale River \$79,900 3.22AC
Old Donald Road \$49,997

Trappers Trail \$49,900 0.93AC
Deep Bay Rd \$49,000 3.05 AC
SOLD Contau Lake Road \$49,000 3.91AC
Twist Lane \$27,900 0.43 AC
Fred Jones Road \$34,500 6.59AC
Fred Jones Road \$25,000 0.38AC